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Revisions to the NFS Subpart 1813.303, Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs)

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PURPOSE: Revise NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) 1813.303 Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs), to formally recognize and adopt the higher individual purchase thresholds provided by FAR 13.303-5, Purchases under BPAs.

BACKGROUND: FAR 13.303-5(b) states that individual purchases shall not exceed the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$250,000), unless agency regulations establish higher thresholds consistent with the following FAR conditions:

- (1) The simplified acquisition threshold and the \$7.5 million limitation for individual purchases (\$15 million for purchases entered into under the authority of 12.102(f)(1)) do not apply to BPAs established in accordance with 13.303-2(c)(3).
- (2) The limitation for individual purchases for commercial products and commercial services acquisitions conducted under Subpart 13.5 is \$7.5 million (\$15 million for acquisitions as described in 13.500(c)).

Currently, the corresponding NFS coverage of BPA ordering procedures is silent with respect to the higher thresholds prescribed by FAR 13.303-5. Both the use of BPAs and the volume of orders (calls) under BPA's valued between \$250,000 and \$7.5M have increased considerably across the Agency over the past five years; therefore, this change to NFS should further promote and facilitate the use of BPAs.

Note: these proposed threshold increases are not applicable to non-GS-1102 or non-GS-1105 Government personnel that are authorized to issue orders under some BPAs. Non-procurement personnel are still restricted to \$10,000 per individual order, pursuant to NFS 1813.303-3(a)(4).

ACQUISITIONS AFFECTED BY CHANGES: This revised policy prescribed herein is applicable as of the date of this PN and shall apply to all new and existing BPAs.

ACTION REQUIRED: Dissemination and compliance with the revised policy.

CLAUSE CHANGES: None.

PARTS AFFECTED: NFS Subpart 1813.

TYPE OF RULE AND PUBLICATION DATE: These changes do not have a significant effect beyond the internal operating procedures of NASA and do not have a cost or administrative impact on contractors or offerors, and therefore do not require codification in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) or publication for public comment.

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[1813.303-5(b) Purchases under NASA BPAs.

In accordance with FAR 13.303-5(b), NASA has established the following maximum thresholds for individual purchases under its BPAs—

- (1) \$7.5 million for individual purchases.**
- (2) \$7.5 million for individual purchases for commercial products and commercial services acquisitions conducted under FAR subpart 13.5.**
- (3) \$15 million for individual orders for acquisitions described in FAR 13.500(c).**
- (4) \$15 million for individual purchases entered into under the authority of FAR 12.102(f)(1).**
- (5) None of the above thresholds apply to BPAs established in accordance with FAR 13.303-2(c)(3).]**

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